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Mr. Harry J. McLaughlin Sunday Patriot - News P. O. Box 481 York, Pennsylvania 17405

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Your story on the death of Reino Hayhanen was very interesting. Unfortunately, my interest in and connection with Hayhanen ceased after the trial, and I had no knowledge of his whereabouts or activities. When the rumor cited by Miss Bernikow concerning his death in a crash on a turnpike came up, I asked someone about it as it sounded odd and was told that it was untrue as he had died of cirrhosis of the liver. As you know, Miss Bernikow quotes me on this also. Therefore, I cannot be of any assistance to you as to the accuracy or inaccuracy of your story.

Sincerely,

s/

Lawrence R. Houston General Counsel

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HARRY J. McLAUGHLIN Sunday Patriot - News P. O. Box 481 York, Pa. 17405

September 20, 1970

Mr. Lawrence Houston General Counsel Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an article which may be of some interest to you.

I would appreciate confirmation of all, or any parts, of my story.

Also, if there are inaccuracies, please point them out to me.

Also, if you can add anything to it, I would appreciate that too.

Thanks much.

Sincerely,

## ports on Abel's Betrayer in Error

# Buried in York County

YORK — A new book, "Abel", initials were "J.E.L.," after tessays the betrayer and colleague tifying against Abel.

YIELL's" estate, asked that working as spies for the Soviet er ailment.

The book, "Abel", said Hay-their names be withheld from Union was believed by the jury.

In November, 1961, an NBC-Of Our York Bureau ₹ of 1961 in Keene, N.H.

in York.

partner, died in York Hospital York.

(CIA). day.

Hospital and Court House Soviet Union, and he conceded sylvania Turnpike.

es.

Rev. Robert E. Nale, pastor of Hayhannen used in applying for Shiloh Lutheran Church, said a passport to this country. yesterday he was convinced that Haybannen had adopted the pite there having been only one Haybannen and his wife to re-

Keene, N.H., whose name ap vinced me he was also J.E.L.,

adopted an alias, of which the bigamist.

nally believed that he died. Ac-Keene, N.H." Reino Hayhannen, Abel's spy tually, he had secretly moved to Hayhannen's death in this Soviet Union-United States pris- mask over his face. The tele-

mount Cemetery. The only Eastern Europe to the United secrecy by the CIA.

ports that CIA agents attended a real alcoholic too. She also vis-come up from Washington to detief funeral and graveside ser-lited me, and, in her conversation, she often referred to her-The service clergyman, the self as Hannah, the arias Mrs.

"Arrangements for the funeral lished photo of Hayhannen, with be a girl that she sewed 25 femilits arrival in Paris. were made by a lawyer from a mask over his face, that con nine baby outfits. pears in the new book, 'Abel', the clergyman said. He added Mrs. Crockett right. The promised permanent protection

"Hayhannen, or 'J.E.L.', take have happened, the FBI agent ren.

area has been kept secret for al- oner exchange.

mourners at the services were States in the middle 1950's to as- In another book about Abel died. light for the first time on Thurs- whom he was married. His other Hayhannen died in 1961 in an au- was incorrect. wife, and a son, remained in the tomobile accident on the Penn- Through a spokesman, Hous-

rquickly. He appeared in police nurned to York for a visit to the court on the next morning, sur-Mrs. Decker confirmed re- hospital and she had become a rounded by two lawyers who had

### Baby Girl Sure Bet With Grandmother

Hayhannen and "J.E.L." were alias, Eugene Maki, and his wife girl born to the Crockett family turn to the Soviet Union, but the sed the name Hannah Maki. in 91 years, Mrs. Gene Crockett pair disappeared from the So-was 75 tuntil I saw a pubwas so sure the next child would viet Union-bound airplane after

and who had worked in the spy that he then talked to a local 8-pound, 4-ounce granddaughter to Hayhannen and his wife, who trial," the Rev. Mr. Nale report- FBI agent about his puzzlement. was born to Mrs. Ronald Holt, they felt would be the continuous

By HARRY McLAUGHLIN records showed that Hayhannen at the spy trial that he was a Donovan defended Abel, but northeast city of cirrhosis of the Hayhannen's public confession liver." York Hospital records

novich Abel died in the late sum- hannen and his wife disappeared publication, but they acknowl- After Abel's conviction, he was television documentary on after the 1957 trial and moved to edged estate details were ar-sentenced to life imprisonment "Abel" presented a delayed inut that's incorrect. He died Keene, N.H., where it was origi-ranged with a "lawyer from but later was exchanged for U-2 terview with Hayhannen, who Pilot Francis Gary Powers in a appeared on the screen with a

vision spokesmen, Chet Huntley on Aug. 24, 1961, it can be Hayhannen used the name of most nine years, and at least As for the Donovan report of and David Brinkley, then report-strongly substantiated, and lat-Eugene Maki when the Soviet two persons involved with funer. Hayhannen's death, he was right ed that the interview was made

his Finnish wife and agents of sist Abel and his illegal espion- and his activities and eventual In Washington, D.C., yester-death were not revealed. the Central Intelligence Agency age apparatus. His wife's alias trial, entitled "Strangers on a day, Lawrence Houston, general Mrs. Annabelle Decker, was Hannah Maki. Technically Bridge", by the late Col. James counsel for the CIA since its in- York funeral director, said she

The bizarre account came to she was one of two women to B. Donovan, it was reported that ception, said Donovan's account was sworn to secrecy by the CIA

ton said, "Hayhannen died in a See SPY BURIED-Page A-13

er, he was buried in Green Union transferred him from al arrangements were sworn to as far as the date was concerned in July, 1961, but that Haybut wrong on how and where he hannen had died a short time later. His residence and place of to avoid any discussion about

TITUOUSIV throughout nearly every day. He fingered Abel as the Soviet Union's top spy in the United States, and admitted that he was sent here to be the No. 2 man.

Donovan said that Abel never trusted Hayhannen, and showed TOCOMA, Wash. (AP) — Des-his drinking habits. He ordered

The CIA, according to the new "Stranger things than that Mrs. Crockett's daughter, Ka-subjects of search by Soviet

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